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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1883.

OUR BOYS.

Passing along Spring street of an

evening the attention is attracted by the

crowd usually gathered in front of the

Fountain sathon and such like

places. It is a crowd of men and small

boys—boys that should be at home and

under the restraints of the parental roof.

Such places are not the place for our

boys. It is in crowds like these that

they learn the a, b, c of hoodlumism

and immorality. And the development

is rapid. A year's tuition makes

of the boy from whom all parental and

other restraints are withdrawn, leaving

him free to frequent these dives, a little

better than an outcast. The hood-

lum germ is planted deep, and it will

surely generate. All the influences in

such places serve to quicken its growth.

The steps are not many from these sa-

lons to the penitentiary. How many of

the parents of this community know

how their boys spend their evenings?

How many are acquainted with the

chosen companions of their young sons,

or satisfy themselves in regard to

their integrity and the moral up-

rightness of their characters? It is our

children who are to make the future

of this community. Shall the influ-

ences brought to bear upon them be

such as will make of them noble

men and women, in whose hands we

can safely commit the interests and

the affairs of the public after we shall

have passed off from the stage of ac-

tion? There are boys here for whom

the evening school is needed, and for

whom restraining and reformatory

measures should be devised—boys

who are falling into line at our saloons

and on our street corners as recruits

for the ranks of hoodlums and criminals.

It is a matter of public concern and

should not be lost sight of or ignored

by the authorities. The ordinance for-

bidding young boys being on the

street later than ten o'clock is a good

one, and ought to be strictly enforced.

But it would be improved if they were

prohibited from being out on the

street after eight o'clock under penalty

of arrest. Such a law would lead to

greater watchfulness on the part of

parents, and it would save the boys

who have no parents from many hours

of evil influences and temptation. A

good reform school, too, is the need of

every city—where the street waifs may

be gathered in and amused and in-

structed; where the low places of

amusement in which the boys have been

frittered in evil habits and practices,

shall be lost sight of and the restraints

of morality thrown around them. These

youthful street loafers are the

wards of the public, and as such they

should be cared for. It is better to

support schools for them where they

may be instructed to become useful

citizens, than it is to provide for them

in prisons and penitentiaries. Do not

let us forget this.

A CORRESPONDENT, writing from

Mexico, has the following to say of

the common schools of that Republic:

"The schools of Mexico are nume-

rous, but badly conducted. The school-

room is a perfect bedlam. Fifty to one

hundred scholars of various ages, of

both sexes, studying all kinds of books,

and all studying out loud, to the top

FROM VENTURA.

An Interesting Letter From Our

Correspondent.

The Hain Storm—Masonic Banquet to Judge

Hain—Disfranchisement to a

Hain—Scrap, etc.

(REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE OF THE TIMES.)

SAN BENEZVENTURA, Oct. 30, 1883.

We have had our rain storm, and

predicted now in my last. It

commenced falling right after supper

Saturday night and continued until

3 o'clock on Sunday morning—for I

lay awake reading and knew at what

hour came the strong west wind

which, with us, always dispenses a

rain storm. It gave us a good old-

fashioned, Anglo-Saxon ipch this

time, falling quietly and soaking in

well at first and ended with a down-

pour which descended upon us from

a cloud burst. Up to November 1st,

last year our rainfall was 31.4 of an

inch. This last storm puts us just .29

of an inch ahead of last year's record,

and, as I believe, our winter rains

continue to come in the same ratio,

this season will see what it

contains more than just at this time—a wet year.

MASONIC BANQUET.

As you are doubtless aware, our

Superior Judge Hines has recently

been elected Grand Master of the

Masonic Order of California, and on

last Saturday night his fellow-mem-

bers of our home lodge gave him a

banquet and reception in the

evening. Just exactly what was done on

that occasion I have no means of

knowing—the occasion being a strictly

Masonic one, and not even outsiders

of the press tolerated—but the fruit

of the gathering was a most success-

ful one. The evening was a most

pleasant one, and the guests were

most numerous. The champagne

toasts were drunk, numerous happy

hits and repartees were made, and such

a general good time had as only a

few of our friends know how to

enjoy and participate in. Of one thing

I am very sure, the Ventura Masons

gave their Grand Master such a recep-

tion which will be remembered to the

day of his life.

A DISTRESSING ACCIDENT.

Duck-shooting at the lagoon, at the

mouth of the Santa Clara river, is the

favorite sport of Ventura gunners

nowadays. Immense numbers of these

toothsome fowls, fat and

juicy, resort to our shores at

this time of the year, and numerous

are generally the hunters on the

ground, it was reserved for last Sun-

day to give us the first accident which

has ever happened at the lagoons. Mr.

Ed. Hirschfelder, one of our most popu-

lar young business men, was hunting

on that day and, in attempting to get

a shell for his breech-loader, the shot

exploded in his left hand, literally

tearing the hand to pieces. Beyond

impairing him for business for

some little time the wound is not of a

serious nature—though very painful.

I am sorry for Ed., for he is a good

fellow, and hereafter I trust he will

cap his shells before loading them.

SCRAMS.

The lights of the zodiac are again

playing around our horizon, and farm-

ers are preparing for another big

rain. The late rain caught a few of our

bean-brainers with their crops in the

field, but if it didn't rain here until

next August, somebody would still be

caught out.

Farmers are busily plowing and pre-

paring the soil for the reception of

next year's grain crop.

The schooner California, which was

wrecked near Hueneau last January,

has been refitted for sea at the

home port, and has successfully

launched there on Sunday.

POL. SHERIDAN.

Let Murder Be Punished.

From the Lafayette (Ind.) Courier.

If murder be a crime, let it be ade-

quately punished—not in revenge or

atone ment, for there can be no atone-

ment in this world—but as a salutary

warning and a check to the evil-dis-

position. Let men feel that they are to

be responsible for their acts. Let

justice be swift and certain. To the

jail with every convicted murderer.

Sure or insane, he is a dangerous

element in society; and should be be-

yond the power to harm. Murder is

ruining. Stamp it out. It is better that

twenty crazy men should die than that

one murderer should escape.

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Kansas City Journal.

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cia, in the finest alluvial region in the coun-

try; adjoining lands held at \$100 per acre.

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